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Letter dated 22 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, under the Presidency of Rwanda, the Security Council is scheduled to hold a wrap-up session on the work of the Council in July 2014 and implementation of note S/2010/507, in the format of a public briefing.

The briefing will be held on Wednesday, 30 July 2014. In order to help steer the discussion on the subject, Rwanda has prepared the attached concept note (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Wrap-up session on the work of the Security Council in July 2014 and implementation of note S/2010/507

Introduction

1. On Wednesday, 30 July 2014, the Security Council will hold a wrap-up session on its work during the month of July 2014, under the presidency of Rwanda. The wrap-up session will provide an opportunity for Council members to have an exchange of views on the situations addressed by the Council in July, as well as on its methods of work during that month. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the work of the Council, in accordance with paragraph 1 of note S/2010/507.

Objectives

2. Rwanda considers that, on the basis of the positive feedback from non-Council members, an interactive wrap-up session would be useful for the membership of the United Nations and the larger public to better understand the work of the Council. It is important for all Members of the United Nations to be well apprised of that work, as we recall that, under Article 24 of the Charter of the United Nations, it is the general membership of the United Nations that confers on the Security Council the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

3. We also consider that such a session would be of value to the Council itself and enable it to critically examine its progress on issues, its processes and how it can increase its efficiency and effectiveness in addressing the situations before it. In that regard, particular attention shall be paid to the approach and effectiveness of the Council in dealing with the increasing number of country-specific situations that have emerged or worsened in the past weeks and months.

Format and participation

4. The wrap-up session will be a public briefing. Non-members of the Council are encouraged to attend the session.

Outline of proceedings

5. The presidency intends to make an introductory statement summarizing the work of the Council during the month of July 2014.

6. Council members will then be invited to make concise statements on the Council's work during the month. They are expected to provide, in their statements, an assessment of that work, as well as recommendations on how the Council could improve its efficiency and effectiveness, particularly in dealing with the current country-specific situations.

7. The President then intends to make his statement, in his national capacity, on the basis of the principles outlined above.